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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to the use of a pharmaceutical composition consisting of a statin (especially fluvastatin or pitavastatin) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier for the preparation of a medicament for the prevention or treatment of metabolic syndrome (or syndrome X).

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